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EMB RECEIVING MANY PRESS INQUIRIES RE LEE H. OSWALD, REPORTEDLY DETAINED DALLAS IN CONNECTION SHOOTING PRES KENNEDY. PRESS HAS INFO ABOUT OSWALD'S RESIDENCE IN USSR, MARRIAGE TO SOVIET, ETC. IN RESPONSE QUERIES EMB STATING ONLY OUR RECORDS INDICATE A LEE OSWALD APPEARED AT EMB 1959, MARRIED AND REMAINED UNTIL 1962.

WHILE DEPT PRESUMABLY HAS FULL RECORDS OSWALD CASE, FOLL BRIEF SUMMARY MAY BE OF INTEREST. RECORDS INDICATE LEE H OSWALD APPEARED AT EMB OCT 31, 1959 TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP WITH REASON "I AM MARXIST." MANNER WAS AGGRESSIVE AND ARROGANT. CONSULAR OFFICERS NOTED UNSTABLE IN CHARACTER. FULL DETAILS CONTAINED EMB DESPATCH 234 NOV 2, 1959.

OSWALD REMAINED HOTEL METROPOLE AND CONTINUED REQUEST EMB PREPARE RENUNCIATION CITIZENSHIP. DISAPPEARED IN DECEMBER 1959. IN FEB 1961 LETTER FROM OSWALD AT MINSK ASKED RETURN US. DEPT ADVISED IF EMB CONVINCED NO ACT EXPATRIATION PASSPORT COULD BE PERSONALLY DELIVERED FOR DIRECT RETURN US.

SUBJECT NOTIFIED EMB IN MAY MARRIED TO SOVIET CITIZEN. TONE OF OVERBEARING. APPEARED AT EMB JULY 11, 1961. NO EVIDENCE ADDUCED LOSS OF CITIZENSHIP. OSWALD CLAIMED DESPITE PREVIOUS STATEMENTS HE NEVER APPLIED SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. STATED EMPLOYED SINCE JAN 1960 AT BELORUSSIAN RADIO AND TV FACTORY AT MINSK AS METAL WORKER. ADDED DISILLUSIONED WITH USSR. PASSPORT RETURN FOR TRAVEL DIRECT TO US.

OSWALD AND FAMILY HAD DIFFICULTY OBTAINING SOVIET EXIT VISAS. WROTE HE HARASSED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES AT MINSK. EXIT VISA RECEIVED JAN 1962. SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED EMB DAUGHTER BORN FEB 15TH; REQUESTED REPATRIATION LOAN. FUNDS LATER RELEASED OSWALD. 27


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